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SUBJECT: ATHERTON KAMEL REMARKS AFTER MEETING AUGUST 1

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR ATHERTON AND
FOREIGN MINISTER KAMEL AFTER THEIR MEETING AT THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON AUGUST 1.

ATHERTON: ONCE AGAIN, I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTER FOR GIVING ME SO MUCH OF HIS TIME. I HAD TWO
EARLIER MEETINGS WITH THE FM PLUS THE MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT SADAT ON SUNDAY, AND BOTH THE MINISTER AND I
THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL BEFORE I LEAVE TO GET TOGETHER
THIS AFTERNOON AND REVIEW THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE
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DISCUSSIONS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE DURING MY VISIT --
TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT WE FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL
THE IMPORTANT SUBJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED, THAT
THERE WERE NO DETAILS LEFT UNDISCUSSED. THIS HAS BEEN
A VERY USEFUL REVIEW REALLY -- A RECAPITULATION OF THE
EARLIER TALKS THAT WE HAD. I WILL BE LEAVING TOMORROW
TO GO BACK TO ISRAEL AND WAIT THERE FOR SECRETARY VANCE'S

ARRIVAL IN THE AREA, AND THEN WE WILL JOIN HIM FOR HIS TALKS HERE. THAT IS REALLY ALL I HAVE TO SAY TODAY. I WOULD BE GLAD TO TAKE ONE OR TWO QUESTIONS AND THEN I HAVE TO MOVE ON.

QUESTION: IS THE SITUATION "AS IS", OR IS THERE ANY GLIMMER AT ALL?

ATHERTON: WELL, I THINK THE SITUATION IS "AS IS". BUT THE IMPORTANT POINT I WOULD MAKE IS THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS COMING HERE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE AND WILL CARRY ON THIS PROCESS OF CONSULTATIONS.

QUESTION: HAS ANYTHING CHANGED, MR. ATHERTON, IN YOUR TALKS IN THE PAST TWO DAYS.

ATHERTON: NO. THIS TALK WAS BASICALLY A REVIEW AND A RECAPITULATION OF THE PREVIOUS TALKS. WE DID NOT ATTEMPT TO BREAK ANY NEW GROUND IN THE TALKS TODAY.

QUESTION: ARE YOU TRYING TO GET PRESIDENT SADAT TO CHANGE HIS MIND ON HAVING FURTHER TALKS?

ATHERTON: I THINK THE ANSWER TO THAT AND ALL SUCH QUESTIONS REALLY IS GOING TO HAVE TO AWAIT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT HERE, AND THAT IS THE POINT AT WHICH WE CAN BEGIN TO ADDRESS SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS.
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THANK YOU

QUESTION: WE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

KAMEL: WELL, I WANT TO EXPRESS AGAIN MY APPRECIATION AND MY PLEASURE TO BE TALKING WITH AMBASSADOR ATHERTON. WE HAVE A VERY GOOD UNDERSTANDING AND WE ALWAYS EXCHANGE VIEWS IN A FRANK AND CONSTRUCTIVE WAY. HE INFORMED ME TODAY THAT SECRETARY VANCE WILL BE COMING TO THE AREA AND WILL BE COMING TO EGYPT, I THINK, ON THE 7TH OF AUGUST, AND WE ARE VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOME AND MEET THE SECRETARY HERE AND CONTINUE OUR TALKS AND DIALOGUE WITH THE UNITED STATES ON WHICH WE COUNT AS A FRIEND AND AS A FULL PARTNER IN THE PEACE PROCESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

(AFTER ATHERTON'S DEPARTURE, KAMEL SAID THE FOLLOWING IN RESPONSE TO PERSISTENT QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS WHO WERE STILL PRESENT):

QUESTION: INAUDIBLE

KAMEL: ... IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PUT IN THE RIGHT CONTEXT

... INAUDIBLE ... WITHDRAWING FROM OUR POSITIONS OR FROM
CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS TO REACH PEACE. AS I SAID
BEFORE, WE HAVE NO INHIBITIONS AT ALL AT MEETING THE
ISRAELIS, BUT WE THINK THAT WHEN WE DO THAT, IT SHOULD
BE IN THE RIGHT FRAME, AND IT SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE
TALKS NOT JUST A WASTE OF TIME. ACCORDINGLY WE ALWAYS
SAID, AND I REPEAT IT NOW, THAT WE ARE MOST WILLING
TO GO AND MEET THE ISRAELIS, PROVIDING OUR TALKS WILL
CONCENTRATE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE THROUGH
PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS, THROUGH SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS,

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THROUGH GOOD NEIGHBORLY GOOD RELATIONS. BUT TERRITORY
AND SOVEREIGNTY ARE EXCLUDED. AND THIS IS NOT AN
EGYPTIAN POSITION THIS IS AN INTERNATIONAL POSITION.
SO I FEEL SOMETIMES HURT WHEN I HEAR STATEMENTS THAT OUR
POSITIONS WERE DISAPPOINTING, BECAUSE IT IS A WELL-
KNOWN FACT THAT SINCE -- AND EVEN BEFORE -- SADAT TOOK
HIS INITIATIVE AND MADE HIS VISIT TO ISRAEL OUR POSITIONS
HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND I DON'T THINK
ANYBODY SHOULD BE DISAPPOINTED IN OUR APPROACH --
WHICH IS A SINCERE AND RIGHT APPROACH TOWARDS THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A LASTING AND COMPREHENSIVE PEACE.

QUESTION: ARE YOU ANY MORE OPTIMISTIC TODAY THAT THERE
WILL BE ANOTHER TRI-PARTITE MEETING THAN YOU WERE
TWO DAYS AGO?

KAMEL: WELL, I AM NOT ENTITLED TO SPEAK ABOUT THAT.
PRESIDENT SADAT EXPLAINED VERY CLEARLY IN WHICH
CONTEXT ANY SUCH MOVEMENT SHOULD TAKE PLACE AND I CAN'T
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